



HARASSMENT



Police harassment at Joe Biden protest.



Special Branch detectives harassing Republicans at AIA national Easter Commemoration.



WILL NOT DETER REVOLUTIONARY REPUBLICANS

On Easter Monday April 10 2023, in a series of coordinated actions across the country, heavily armed teams of the Special Branch and other various Free State Police units descended on the homes of members and supporters of Anti Imperialist Action Ireland, raiding family homes, arresting and detaining a number of activists, including in one incident the spouse of an activist.

The date of the coordinated raids was not lost on Socialist Republicans, timed carefully to coincide with the 25th Anniversary of Britain's Good Friday Treaty, through which Brit Imperialism cop-fastened its illegal and ongoing occupation of six Irish Counties.

The Free State campaign against AIA also coincided with the arrival to Ireland of a number of the world's leading Imperialists as they scrambled in at-

tempts to shore up the now clearly failed Good Friday Treaty, including the British Prime Minister and the President of the United States. Imperialism and the Free State were sending a clear message that they fear the continued growth and revolutionary position of Anti Imperialist Action Ireland and that no protests against the anniversary of the Good Friday Treaty or the presence of imperialists in Ireland would be accepted.

The campaign of harassment also comes after a highly successful series of Easter Commemorations held by Anti Imperialist Action across Ireland and most notably the National 1916 Commemoration in Dublin, an event that saw one of the largest Commemorations this year consisting of Republicans, Socialists, Anti Fascists and other progressives march to the Irish Citizen Army plot in Glasnevin to honour Ireland's Patriot Dead.

The series of raids saw unprecedented numbers of armed Free State Police take over the homes of Republican activists, seizing phones, all electronic equipment and personal belongings. In one case the Special Branch seized first aid equipment

used by a community first responder and equipment used by a search and rescue volunteer, in an action that could have wide reaching consequences for a local community.

Wild West

On April 11th the Special Branch staged a Wild West style arrest of an activist, almost ramming a car and detaining 3 Republicans, seizing their phones, impounding a car and arresting one of the activists under section 30 of the Offences against the Free State Act. During this incident the fear of the state for Revolutionary Republicans was on full display, as dozens of armed Special Branch with weapons drawn...

...confronted the Republican activists exiting a shopping centre. The Republican arrested during this incident was held for 48 hours before being released without charge, while the spouse of the activist was held for 12 hours before being released without charge. The comrade held for 48 hours has since been under 24-hour surveillance by the forces of the state, and

who's release from Free State detention was conveniently timed to coincide with Joe Biden's departure from Dublin. Despite the campaign of harassment AIA remained undeterred from opposing the GFA or the presence of imperialists in Ireland, with the organisation taking part in a series of protests and events to oppose the presence of Joe Biden, which are further

detailed in this edition of An Phoblacht Abú.

Anti Imperialist Action Ireland will not be swayed or intimidated from our commitment to fight Imperialism in Ireland and to re-establish the All Ireland Republic proclaimed in arms in 1916. 100 years ago British Imperialism and the Free State were attempting to crush Revolutionary Republicanism. 25 years ago

they believed they had succeeded. This Easter demonstrates that they have failed and will continue to fail.

It proves true James Connolly's Easter prophecy that 'WE SHALL RISE AGAIN!'

IMPERIALISM AND ITS RUNNING DOGS ARE PAPER TIGERS!

FIGHT FOR THE REPUBLIC!

editorial

This month's edition of An Phoblacht Abú was delayed by a campaign of harassment, raids and arrests against the Revolutionary Socialist Republican Movement, leading to the seizure of phones and electronic devices of some members of our editorial staff. Harassment will never stop Revolutionary Republicans from continuing our tasks or from engaging with the Republican Base.

This Edition goes to print shortly after Easter 2023 and the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Treaty. The last month, as in every month since November 2022, has shown the continued growth of militant Republicanism across Ireland, with M15 raising their 'threat' levels against Republicans and directing operations against Republican activists across the country. In simple answer to those that would seek to repress Revolutionary Republicanism, we can think of no better response than two of the inspirations of this paper. Commandant General James Connolly said to the same forces over 100 years ago: *"If you strike at, imprison, or kill us, out of our prisons or graves we will still evoke a spirit that will thwart you, and perhaps, raise a force that will destroy you! We*

defy you! Do your worst!"; while IRA Volunteer Bobby Sands wrote, *'They have nothing in their whole imperial arsenal that can break the spirit of one Irishman who doesn't want to be broken.'*

The Revolutionary Socialist Republican Movement will face anything the forces of reaction have to throw at us with same defiance and will to win that Republicans have always confronted such situations.

This month has also seen AIA organise and take part in very successful 1916 Commemorations across the country, with events taking place in Armagh, Derry, Dublin, Galway, Meath, Waterford, Westmeath, Wicklow and Wexford. At these events Ireland's Patriot Dead were honoured with pride, while at the same time a new generation of Revolutionary Republicans dedicated themselves to the Fenian Faith and the ongoing fight for Irish Freedom. Youth were prominent at all events organised by AIA this Easter as were women, as the movement continues to organise to represent all sections of our oppressed people. The very presence of the youth at AIA events up and down the country has sent a clear message to the forces of reaction that

Revolutionary Republicanism will continue to rise and is in safe hands.

The message from many of the Easter events was that evictions must be resisted by all means necessary. Families must be encouraged to stay in their homes, supported to do so, and then defended physically for doing so. The time has come to fight against landlords and the imperialist vulture funds that control housing in Ireland and this is a fight we must win. A broad All Ireland Anti Eviction movement must be established to carry out a United Front of Resistance. The Revolutionary Socialist Republican Movement stand ready to play our part.

By necessity, this edition will be short. But we look forward to returning with an extended edition in Early May when we will be making preparations to oppose the state visit of Charles Windsor the Commander in Chief of the British Armed Forces to Ireland. **See you on the streets!**

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RESIST EVICTIONS

On the 31st of March, Anti Imperialist Action and Revolutionary Housing League activists joined the Community Action Tenants Union organised protest at the Spire on O'Connell Street to mark the end of the Free State eviction ban. 200 activists gathered against this monstrous attack on the working class.

After various speeches against evictions and the state, the march turned down O'Connell St, up the Quays and along to the Custom House, current Free State Department of Housing. Eight plucky volunteers from various groups had gone in advance of the main march, and began to occupy the lobby of the building.

As the main march approached, the Gardai attempted to prevent others joining comrades inside by blocking gates and entrances. Not deterred, housing activists began to jump over the fence around the building, until most of the protest was inside and on the steps of the building.

Activists demanded that the Free State Housing Minister, Darragh O'Brien, come down to hear demands. The cowardly Mr



AIA and RHL bloc marching down the Quays to the Dept of Housing.

O'Brien refused, having supposedly been warned by Gardai to stay away. The occupation continued for several hours before dispersing, with promises made that resistance will continue until evictions are ended.

The decision to end the Eviction Ban was done behalf of landlords, landlord associations such as the Irish Property Owners Association and multinational vultures. These interests have long controlled housing in the South, and many of the politicians in Leinster House are landlords themselves. In fact, it may be easier to list those politicians who do not have properties at this stage.

Recent estimates have shown that upwards of 8000 eviction notices came into effect on April 1st. That is 8000 more households in emergency accommodation or living on our streets. Anti Imperialist Action has been at the forefront of resistance to

evictions in the past and will not be found wanting now. As with the Revolutionary Housing League, Socialist Republicans have shown that they can provide leadership on militant struggles for housing and against homelessness.

All economic evictions must be resisted to ensure families are not turfed out on the streets. The state, the landlords and the vultures are only interested in profit. The working class must build a movement committed to defending people facing eviction by any means necessary.

AIA is committed to working with others to build the People's Resistance against evictions, building an all Ireland movement to take on landlords and vultures and ensure no family is put out of their home. The protest on the 31st showed what could be achieved in a united front on housing. This is only the beginning.



Occupying the Customs House.

BRITISH EMBASSY PAINTBOMBED

The following is a statement from **Óige Réabhlóideach - Anti Imperialist Youth:**

"On this the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday treaty, Socialist Republicans paintbombed the British Embassy in Dublin. Treaty's and border polls cannot and will not deliver the Irish Republic only revolution can bring about a 32 County Socialist Republic.

The Irish Republic is ours by birthright and no foreign government or its native subservient gombeens can ever extinguish that right.

Reject the Good Friday treaty reject reformism Join the Revolutionary youth for National Liberation and Socialist Revolution."



EASTER COMMEMORATION ROUNDUP

Across Ireland, local branches of Anti Imperialist Action Ireland and supporters gathered for local commemorations and wreathlayings in honour of all those who fought and died for Irish National Liberation and Socialism.

LEINSTER

- AIA Íarmhí Coiste laid flowers at the grave of Vol. Paddy Dermody in Fore, Co. Westmeath. Dermody, O/C of the IRA's Eastern Command, was killed by the Free State's Special Branch in September 1942.

- Activists from AIA Íarmhí also attended a commemoration organised by the Spirit of Irish Freedom Society Westmeath, in honour of Vols. Luke Burke and Michael Grealy in Oldcastle, Co. Meath. Burke and Grealy were executed by the Free State in Mullingar barracks in March 1923 during the counter-revolution.



Burke and Grealy commemoration, Oldcastle, Co. Meath

- On Easter Sunday, AIA in Co. Carlow visited the grave of INLA Volunteer Mick Ahern, buried under a simple grave marker in Muine Bheag.

- Over the course of Easter Week, AIA Wexford/Wicklow held various wreathlayings. At the 1798 memorial stone on Ferrybank Arklow, Co. Wicklow. Seamus Costello's graveside in Bray, Co. Wicklow. Liam Mellows graveside in Castletown, Co. Wexford.



AIA Wexford/Wicklow at the graveside of Vol. Seamus Costello.

- A lily was laid at the Manchester Martyrs memorial in Birr, Co. Offaly.

MUNSTER

- Activists across Munster converged on Dungarvan, Co. Waterford for the Munster Easter Rising commemoration, speeches centered on Munster's role in the Easter Rising, the Tan War and the Counterrevolutionary War with parallels being drawn between the sell-outs and cowards, like Redmond from Waterford, who held back the national movement of the time, and the modern sell-outs of PSF. Light was also shed on the vital role women played in Waterford's national movement on the leadup and aftermath of the Rising.



Munster commemoration in Dungarvan.

- AIA Waterford Coiste gathered to lay flowers at the Irish Freedom Memorial in Waterford City.



AIA Waterford at the Irish Freedom Memorial.

- On the 8th of April in Roscrea Co. Tipperary, AIA laid an Easter Lily in remembrance of all who died in furtherance of the Republic.

DUBLIN

- AIA Dublin South Inner City laid lilies at the mural in the Liberties, Dublin to Michael Mallin, leader of the Irish Citizen Army in the 1916 Rising executed by Crown Forces.



- AIA Tallaght/Ballyfermot laid lilies at the Fenian plaque in Tallaght, dedicated to those Republicans who fought in the Battle of Tallaght in March 1867.

- Socialist Republicans in North Dublin held a quiet and dignified wreathlaying to commemorate the 1916 Easter Rising in Kilbarrack cemetery. A wreath was laid on the graves of Volunteers Josephine McNéill (founding member of Cumann mBan) & Brian Mac Néill (Killed 17th Sept 22).



Kilbarrack wreathlaying

- AIA activists also joined the well-attended commemoration organised by Independent Dublin Republicans on Easter Saturday in front of the GPO. Veteran Socialist Republican Margaret McKearney gave the main oration, in which she defended the right of the Irish people to end British occupation, denounced the Good Friday Treaty and called for resistance to all evictions.



GALWAY

On Monday 10th April, AIA Galway Coiste gathered to lay a wreath at the Liam Mellows statue in Galway City. A spokesperson dedicated the commemoration to "the people in Connaught who took up arms against imperial forces in 1916" and expressed solidarity with all comrades facing repression.

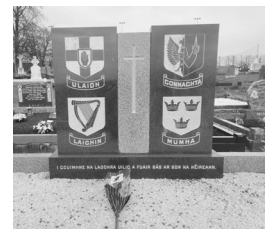


Easter Lily Mural by AIA activists in Dublin

ULSTER



Saoradh commemoration Belfast



Ballymacnab Republican

Lilies were laid over Easter weekend by Socialist Republicans at the recently unveiled Volunteer, Leo Burke plaque in Keady and at the Republican memorial, Ballymacnab, Co. Armagh.

AIA representatives also attended commemorations organised by Saoradh in Belfast and Derry. An article on Derry is included on page 10.



NATIONAL EASTER

Revolutionary Republicans Honour Ireland's Patriot Dead in Dublin



On April 9, Revolutionary Republicans, Socialists, Anti Imperialist, and other progressives gathered at the Phibsboro Shopping Centre in Dublin for the annual 1916 Commemoration organised by Anti Imperialist Action Ireland.

This National Commemoration attracted a large crowd from across the four providences of Ireland and comrades from overseas from countries including Scotland, Norway, Spain and Australia. The Commemoration was particularly notable for the large number of young people in attendance, joining Republican ex-POWs and veterans of the struggle to honour those who have given their lives for Irish Freedom.

Free State Police

The Commemoration of Ireland's Patriot Dead also attracted the attention of large numbers of Free State Police including armed members of the Special Branch, Ireland's political police, and two van loads of the riot squad, also known as the public order unit. The heavy presence of the police was an attempt to

intimidate and harrass the Republicans in attendance but such attempts failed, and shortly after 1.30 the march got underway from Phibsboro to the Irish Citizen Army plot at Glasnevin Cemetery.

Led by a lone piper and a section of the Socialist Republicans Colour Party, marchers assembled behind a banner that read 'We Serve neither King nor Kaiser but Ireland' a slogan first displayed by the Irish Citizen Army.

This banner was followed by a large section of youth with AIA flags and the Green Starry Plough the flag of the Irish Citizen Army, then other banners including 'Britain/ NATO out of Ireland' 'Our Mandate- Our Republic' and the banners of a number of other organisations including the Revolutionary Housing League, the Ireland Anti Internment Campaign and Independent Republicans Dublin. Anti fascist, Palestinian and Basque flags were prominently on display along with the flag of the newly formed International Communist League.

Defying the instructions of the Free State Police the march was militant and disciplined, with marchers obeying the instructions of their own stewards. At Cross Guns Bridge, the march was brought to a stop, while the Revolutionary Youth let off a number of flares and pyrotechnics in honour of the Volunteers who gave their lives for the All Ireland Republic in 1916. As the march continued to Glasnevin, chants were heard including 'Britain Out of Ireland- Saor Éire Anois!' 'Smash the Free State' and Fight Imperialism.

Glasnevin

At the Irish Citizen Army plot with the crowd continuing to grow, the event were chaired by a member of AIA, speaking in Irish and English to welcome those in attendance and to call forward a young female comrade who sang a rousing rendition of the the Foggy Dew. The chair then returned to remind the crowd why they were in attendance. Not only to remember a d honour the Patriot Dead, but to continue the fight for Irish Free-

dom and to reject all compromise or treaties with Imperialism. The chair then called on a young female comrade who read the 1916 Proclamation to those assembled before calling on another young female and male comrade to read for the citizen Army by James Connolly and Manifesto to the citizens of Dublin by Padraig Pearse. The same comrade who had sang earlier was then called on again and sang a hauntingly beautiful sean-nos version of the 1916 ballad Erin go Bragh, which really captured the atmosphere of the event.

The chair then called for a minutes silence for the men and women of every generation who have fought and died for Irish National Liberation while the Colour Party lowered the flags in respect of the Patriot Dead.

A wreath was then laid on behalf of Anti Imperialist Action and veteran Socialist Republican Sean Doyle then laid a wreath on behalf of the Revolutionary Socialist Republican Movement. Wreaths were also laid on behalf of the Spirit of Irish Freedom

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Society Westmeath, Independent for Republicanism which is re-Republicans Dublin, the Communist Party of Ireland and a number of independents.

The chair then called forward a representative of Óige Re-abhloideach- Anti Imperialist Youth to deliver the youth oration. This inspiring speech from a young republican is reprinted in full in this edition of An Phoblacht Abú.

Main Oration

Another comrade then stepped forward to sing an uplifting version of Where O Where is our James Connolly, before the chair called on the main speaker of the day, Republican ex Prisoner Mike Edwards from Tipperary. Mike gave an insightful and important oration outlining the way forward

for Republicanism which is re-printed in full in this edition of An Phoblacht Abú.

The chair then returned to issue the call for the formation of an Anti Imperialist Broad Front, stating that the GFA was meant to be the death knell of Revolutionary Republicanism, but that the days of Commemoration and the events of recent weeks had shown the truth was very much the opposite.

The event was brought to a close by the piper playing Amhrán na Bhfian. Those in attendance left what was one of the most militant Commemorations of recent years, determined to redouble their efforts to advance the struggle for National Liberation and Socialist Revolution in Ireland.



Commemoration assembling for march in Phibsboro.



Youth bloc with flares marching to Glasnevin.



March approaching Glasnevin cemetery led by piper.



Socialist Republican Colour party at the ICA plot.



RHL and ICL representatives.



Ireland Anti-Internment Campaign.



Gardaí "escorting" the march, including Riot van.



IDR delegation with anti-fascist flags.



Anti-NATO banner and flares from the youth.

MAIN EASTER ORATION

This is the full text of the oration by Republican ex-prisoner Mike Edwards at the AIA National 1916 Commemoration in Dublin on Easter Sunday.

Revolutionary greetings to all, here and around the world to those who continue to resist in whatever form open to them. Resistance is worldwide, from the New people's army of the Philippines and the Indian Maoist Revolutionaries to the resistance fighters of the Lions Den Brigades in Palestine, resistance is strong and vibrant!

We also extend solidarity greetings to all incarcerated for their resistance!

A Republic Unfinished, the rhetoric of failure from a failing administration, not in the sense that they are failing the imperialist/capitalist doctrine that since partition and their coming to power has led to such deprivation and inequity, but failing the very people who suffer and falter under the demands of profiteers, xenophobes and those who follow sectarian ideologies!

Leo Varadkar claimed on International Women's Day that the Irish Free State was a Republic unfinished, we say the Republic was fought for and won, a First Dáil held, only to be betrayed by freed for power, wealth and the favour of an imperialist class, a recurring theme as we all know.

Today we are here to commemorate and celebrate those for whom the Republic was more than a speech of self-aggrandisement or of economic and social rhetoric, these women and men who despite facing not only the might of one of the best equipped military machines on the planet, their proxy death squads and sectarian gangs along with the collaborationist armed political forces, some of whom are here listening videoing today's peaceful commemorative events, stood their ground, stood tall and resisted in any way possible.

Those who fell as a result of their actions in resisting, whether on the field of armed resistance, incarcerated, at the hidden hand of the faceless men and women of a foreign

spy agency's direction through loyalist fascist death squads, or in any of the imperialists hell hole prisoner of war camps euphemistically called prisons, did so as revolutionaries in the true sense of the word, not a romantic or idealised construct, but as revolutionary resistance fighters, defending communities and the Republic.

The centuries long conflict, despite the revisionist history taught by a collaborative Free State, is the result of the occupation of Ireland in every sense. Former Republicans would have you believe the analysis they now follow is the correct one, despite all that their leadership said from the inception of Partition to their surrender in 1998, they have now supplanted the party they ridiculed and despised throughout the 70's and 80's, their path one of collaboration and justification for the harassment and internment of Irish Republicans and community activists who do not follow their brand of constitutionalism.

We only need to look to Connolly, Lynch, Mellows and Costello or more recently Ciaran Fleming, Pádraig McKearney and Jim Lynagh for inspiration on Irish Republicanism and political action of intent, they all understood the machinations not only of the occupier but the collaborationist usurpers at their beck and call, all spoke and wrote of the need for political and social change with anti-imperialism and socialism as the answer to the occupation of Ireland, they all resisted in every revolutionary sense the enslavement of the Irish people, the men and women of no property, for a classless and equal Ireland, built and maintained by the workers.

Today both regimes gladly incarcerate any whom they deem to have advocated for anything but joining in the futile and illusory practice of what they call participatory de-

mocracy, a system designed and maintained to keep the masses from ownership of the means of production or a Workers Republic free from the imperialist interference of a foreign military power, despite the threats of incarceration there are those willing to speak out, to defend the right of the risen people to remove the occupier and its armed gangs, throughout the history of not just Ireland but nation states around the world the causes of conflict, occupation, repression, sectarianism, oppression, torture and political incarceration have led to resistance in every form in every revolutionary struggle.

Ireland has always resisted British occupation, the risen people always will resist occupation, the blatant propaganda of the corporate media, the rhetoric of a collaborationist class and the subservient mentality of the agent provocateur and informers will never change or defeat a risen people.

As an Irish Socialist Republican I know and accept that while the causes of conflict remain so will the right of the Irish people to resist, from revolutionary poets and song writers to the youth of Nationalist areas facing the armed might of the reformable RUC, there will be men and women who revolt and resist, organise and agitate for a 32 County Socialist Republic, a Republic not built on capitalist greed, but a Republic of equals, a Workers Republic for whom the whole pie is theirs to take, not just the crumbs from the table of their imperialist masters.

An Phoblacht Abú!

YOUTH ORATION

This is the full text of the oration by a representative of Óige Réabhlóideach.

A cairde agus gcomrádaithe, it is a great honour to speak here today on behalf of Óige Réabhlóideach Anti Imperialist youth as we gather on hallowed ground for all those who stand in the Socialist Republican tradition, the final resting place of many brave volunteers of the Irish Citizen army, women and men who dedicated their lives and ultimately gave up their lives in the pursuit of an Irish Socialist Republic free from imperialist domination. These women and men under the command of Commandant General James Connolly set out on Easter Monday 1916 to break the connection with England and establish the Irish Republic. It is the duty of all of us gathered here today at their final resting place to not only remember them and pay homage to their sacrifice in words but to honour that sacrifice in our actions by re-dedicating achieving that Irish Socialist Republic which they selflessly fought and died for.

Last year and this year marks the Centenary of the counter revolution in Ireland, a century since the bourgeois class sold the Irish Republic down the drain in exchange for a seat at the table of power in the form of a subservient free state administration still firmly in the hands of the British. In the century since the free state has remained a tool of the British government completely incapable of operating without it, in its early days the free state sought the use of British uniforms British guns British money and even ex British troops in its attempts to crush Republican forces at the behest of its colonial masters.

100 years on and the free state is still subservient to Britain as it was always designed to be and always will be until it is brought crumbling down. Crown forces patrol the skies and waters over the 26 counties, The free state police force commissioner is MI5 agent Drew Harris, ground rents are still paid to the British crown on a num-

ber of sites including Dublin Castle and Leinster House the very location in which the subservient free state administration sits. Just as their colonial masters do the free state routinely uses internment by remand and non-jury Special Courts to imprison revolutionary Irish Republicans in many cases with little or no evidence against them.

In February we saw a further example of this free state subservience when following a Republican attack on a high ranking member of the crown forces, Free State cops scrambled to the areas on the southern side of Britain's illegal border in order to assist the RUC in their search operation. Irish Republicans have always seen that the Free State is nothing more than a British tool created and designed to uphold and serve British interests in Ireland. As Irish Republican Army Commandant general Liam Mellows put it: It is a fallacy, to believe that a Republic of any kind can be won through the shackled Free State. You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. The Free State is British created and serves British Imperialist interests. It is the buffer erected between British Capitalism and the Irish Republic.'

100 years since its creation we still hear talk of reforming the free state by those within the system who sell us the idea that this state is a failed state and that a new administration will fix it. The Free State is not a failed state it is operating exactly as designed, in the interests of British Imperialism and the gombeen class. there can be no reform for the Free State no Irish Republic can ever be achieved through its parameters despite the talk of Irish unity and border polls echoed by some elements within. Particularly the same elements that 25 years ago committed the same act of treason as Michael Collins and Co. and once again sold the Irish Republic out for a seat at the table of power this time in the form of the Good Friday Agreement, an agreement which they

only ever managed to sell to the Republican base through lies and deceit. The GFA only serves to reinforce British rule in Ireland it is a tool for the imperialist powers to give the false impression of there been a consent amongst the Irish people for the British government to remain here.

The material reality on the ground tells us otherwise, successive British and free state governments have had to concentrate significant resources in their efforts to stem Republican resistance to the occupation of Ireland, in every generation no matter what they throw at Republicans they have failed to crush the revolutionary spirit and intent of Irish Republicanism and they will continue to fail, to quote IRA volunteer Bobby Sands *"they have nothing in their whole entire imperial arsenal that can break the spirit of one Irishman that doesn't want to be broken."*

Not merely content with serving British Imperialism the free state administration has sold out the Irish people to north American and EU imperialism and now they attempt drive us towards NATO membership which will be a catastrophe for the Irish people dragging us into NATO's illegal wars of conquest. The working-class people of Ireland firmly reject these attempts by the free state administration we will not allow our families to be cannon fodder for the Imperialist powers illegal wars. The triple imperialist lock over Ireland must be smashed and an Irish Socialist Republic must be established As Socialist Republicans we recognize as Connolly did that the Irish people will only be free when they own everything from the plough to the stars.

We are at a point in history where we have been before where the Imperialist powers find themselves in crisis and the bourgeoisie fear they are going to lose their grip on power and as such we are seen capitalist regimes everywhere including here...

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...in Ireland use the tool of fascism to divide the working classes amongst themselves and cling to power. The contradictions are sharpening and the rotten statelets are crumbling let us rise up for we have nothing to lose but our chains.

To have given this oration on behalf of Óige Réabhlóideach is an honour. Óige Réabhlóideach in only a few months have grown into a radical vibrant Socialist Republican youth movement. It is this revolutionary youth that give me full confidence that in our lifetime Ireland will be free.

I'll finish with the words of Commandant general James Connolly Irish Citizen army. *"If you remove the English Army tomorrow and hoist the green flag over Dublin Castle., unless you set about the organization of the Socialist Republic your efforts will be in vain. England*

will still rule you. She would rule you through her capitalists, through her landlords, through her financiers, through the whole array of commercial and individualist institutions she has planted in this country and watered with the tears of our mothers and the blood of our martyrs." 126 years after Connolly wrote these words they still ring true. Whilst British soldiers cannot be seen on the streets of the 26 counties Britain remains firmly in control of the 26 counties maintaining it as a semi colony that control is maintained through Britain's capitalists landlords financiers and commercial institutions, more recently this control has extended to north American and EU imperialists. The national bourgeoisie who sit in Leinster House who run the banks on behalf of foreign vultures, pay who have long bought and paid for the media

do not want to free Ireland they do not want an Irish Socialist Republic whilst some of them claim to be wearers of the green all they truly seek is a 32 county free state, still a semi colony of Britain and as many would have it including some of those who sold the republican cause down the drain on good Friday 1998, even a part of the British commonwealth. Only the working class through the vehicle of a strong militant and vibrant Socialist Republican broad front a vehicle AIA has dedicated every day since it's inception to building. It is up to all of us to become the vanguard of the revolution giving our best efforts and capabilities towards achieving the Republic proclaimed in 1916.

Ar aghaidh go poblacht shoisialach na hÉireann. Beir Bua

SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE IN DERRY



Anti Imperialist Action Ireland activists were present at the militant Derry 1916 Commemoration on Monday April 10, which was spearheaded by Saoradh. The very well attended march, with at least 2000 marchers, began at the Creggan shops. It was led by a masked Republican Colour Party. Soon after the march began, RUC landrovers were set alight with petrol bombs as they attempted to disrupt the commemoration for our patriot dead.

All week the PSNI/RUC had been staging provocations in Derry and warning of violence. Ultimately it was their own attempt to impede the commemoration that led to resistance.

For weeks now the colonial police force as well as the British imperialist military have been carrying out invasions of Nationalist areas in Derry. Anti Imperialist Action asserts that Republican communities have a right to resist these incursions. No crown

forces should be allowed to enter these communities and harass the people inside.

The march continued on to Derry City cemetery where fiery speeches were made denouncing the British occupation and praising Republican resistance. The colour party and those in attendance then dispersed safely. This commemoration is another demonstration that the spirit of resistance in the Occupied 6 counties is far from broken, and that opposition to the British occupation is growing daily.

PROTESTS AGAINST BIDEN & NATO

The security forces in Ireland are backed to the hilt by imperialism, and when the imperialists say 'Jump' the Gardaí and RUC ask 'How high?' When the yanks called on the police to clear the way for Biden's royal tour in April they scrambled to carry out their orders. Anti-Imperialist Action, having called a protest against Biden's visit to Dublin, bore the brunt of this repression. Nevertheless AIA was at the forefront of opposing Joe Biden's tour of Ireland. AIA held a militant bloc at a broad-front protest at the GPO. This well-received protest highlighted the US's complicity in the oppression of Palestine and opposed the US presence in Shannon.

The following day, as Biden made his way across Dublin, AIA led a protest on Parkgate Street, demonstrating opposition as Biden's motorcade left the Phoenix Park. Despite the legitimate nature of the protest over thirty Gardaí were mobilised to surround and intimidate the protesters, searching them on spurious grounds. Cutting through the atmosphere of subservience to the world's most brutal imperialist power, slogans were chanted opposing US militarism, their current drive to draw Ireland closer to NATO and the ongoing use of Shannon airport by the blood-soaked US army. US imperialism cannot be normalised and, being one

of the world's longest standing victims of imperialism, Ireland cannot acquiesce to its brutality and destruction of the planet and its peoples.



Protesters searched by gardai before Biden

Imperialist oppression

As part of his twee speeches patronising Ireland, Biden asked why anyone would leave here. We answer: for the same reason, so many have left Syria, Palestine, Libya, Chile, Mexico, Afghanistan... The oppression of imperialism, whether it be political, economic or military, sends people in flight from their home. An ancestor of Biden's may have suffered that fate in impoverished Mayo, but now he presides over the chief imperialist power inflicting this crime on small nations.

Even still in Ireland today, promoting partition and occupation, dangling foreign investment over our heads to make the framework of our oppression work, the US undermines Ireland's development, keeping us in bondage to imperialism and sending our people overseas. In the 26 counties, the economy is in the hands of the North American, EU and British multinationals, and the sycophantic fawning of the political gommeen men and women in Leinster House is to say loud and clear that they know where their bread is buttered. The ordinary people are left with a maldeveloped economy which does not serve them, but leaves them with low paid work while a handful enjoy precarious positions at tax-avoiding tech multinationals.

AIA is proud to be in the van of opposition to imperialism in Ireland and condemning in no uncertain terms US imperialism, its representatives and its normalisation among the peoples of the world.

Joe Biden is not welcome in Ireland and despite the ideological onslaught of the politicians and media, the ordinary people of Ireland recognise that US imperialism is not their friend and is an enemy of the oppressed people of the world, both inside and outside of the US.



AIA bloc at broad anti-NATO protest on O'Connell St, 13 April.

WOOP-WOOP THAT'S THE SOUND OF THE POLICE

"When the Tsar of Russia,

And the King of Prussia,

Landed in the Phoenix Park in a big balloon,

They asked the Garda band to play

The Wearing of the Green,

But the buggers in the Depot

Didn't know that tune"

- The Monto, a great toe tapping and hand clapping tongue twister of a singalong song by the Dubliners.



Public Order Unit in action rolling up the Cuban flag.

The Phoenix Park features in the song lyrics, the majestic Phoenix Park, Europe's biggest and in my opinion the best. More importantly the park where the Invincibles struck a blow for Irish freedom against British Capitalism and Imperialism. The park where on Thursday, April 13, 2023 we made a dash for the gates, all for Cuba.

The Phoenix park had been closed for 24hrs while Joe POTUS Biden, a distant son of Mother Éire, visited the garrison class in the Occupied Six Counties and the Irish Free State. While in the park he shook hands with the ruling class, he told stories of the great US and Irish ties and how stronger the union would be if we only would accept NATO nukes to strengthen them bonds and of course he partied, drank, ate, danced, and slept in the Ambassador's residence – all in the park

Joe left the park around 17:00 hrs, he was scheduled to leave at 15:00 hrs but Joe will be Joe. So once Joe POTUS flew up Conyngham Road we dashed inside, as the park rangers unlocked the gates. In, we did go, a half a baker's dozen of us, all ready for action in support of Cuba and to remember the hundreds of thousands around the world killed needlessly by US Imperialist aggression.

The plan was simple, we would make our way to the polo grounds and then to the priority destination facing Aras an Uachtarain, the grand house of the Irish Free State President Michael D.

Plans were moving fast, we moved with them. We questioned each other on how far to the polo grounds?, Where are the polo grounds?, What is polo exactly? Was there a pool? and if so, Who brought their trunks!.

We soon realised the park was ours and ours

alone, bar the skeleton crew in Garda HQ, well it must be schooner rigged as every copper and his adopted child were on the streets of Dublin, all alert, in full battle dress, protecting their principle – Joe POTUS.

We started on the questions again, Would the cops be getting extra for this shift?, or would Joe POTUS invite a select few of the rank of superintendent or above' to Disneyland as a Thank You for keeping Big Joe POTUS safe guys!.

"There's a yellow vest up ahead"! cried one of our crew, that's the polo grounds, that's where we put in to action our peaceful display of solidarity with the Cuban people.

Our fellow conspirators were giving us the beck and looked as eager as us to get stuck-in and create our vision. So, we lugged, gasped, and unfurled and unrolled a massive football field sized Cuban flag. We directionally positioned the Red on the Cuban flag in-line with 'Uachtarain na hÉireann's' front room, the one where he had his morning tee.

The plan was actually working, the feeling of triumph was ecstatic, the evening sun shone on the Cuban white star, the hovering tactical chopper buzzed above, the screeching marked cop cars sounded there sirens so loud and scatter that they polluted the air, the sound of the ground trunching from the boots of the Public Order Unit, The shouts of "*what the fuck is going on here boys*"! From a senior detective from the SDU. It was then we knew the jig was up, we had been rumbled. The plan had become unstuck.

The cops proclaimed our act of Cuban support was illegal, plain and simple illegal, they announced. We were informed that there is no such thing under section 21 for freedom of assembly in the Phoenix Park and it was illegal at this very spot to hold a minutes silence for all

those murdered by Imperialist bombings.

It was illegal to protest Joe POTUS about his continuing US Blockade on Cuba. It was illegal to do anything that the cops felt upset Joe POTUS.

So, the giant-sized Cuban Flag, which only the day before was seen on the Black Mountain in Belfast where its display was not illegal – was rolled back up by the Public Order Unit while all the time we protested about the lack of civil liberties, the right to protest and of course "*run that legislation by me again!*"

The detectives and uniformed cops were contacted by the "eye in the sky" and ordered to begin the wide sweep of the assembled Cuban solidarity supporters, they demanded names, addresses, DOBs, car insurance, IDs, car tax, they began seizing and searching bags, the usual nosey stuff.

We were a busted flush and we knew it, the magnificent Phoenix Park was alive with the sound of sirens, with the flashes of blue lights, the glare of the tactical chopper that hovered above us directing the police operation, all this unwanted attention mixed with the colours of early spring, the 40 shades of green as Johnny Cash would sing but sadly the bright colours of the Cuban Flag were deemed illegal.

For the cops of Phoenix Park:

We unveiled the largest Cuban flag in the world, you didn't win.

The blockade of Cuba by American imperialism is a crime against humanity, you will not win.

We expressed our continuing solidarity with the Cuban people facing a cruel imperialist blockade, the people will win.

Ireland says Unblock Cuba!

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY With Anti Imperialist Action Ireland

As news began to travel of the harassment, raids and arrests faced by Anti Imperialist Action Ireland activists on Monday 10 April and subsequent days, a number of progressive and socialist organisations and comrades internationally published solidarity messages which we collate here. It was heartening to see coverage and support from across the globe, and we would like to thank every organisation and individual that took the time to express their solidarity.

Not all solidarity messages can be included or noted here but they have all been appreciated and circulated. Solidarity in the struggle of the working class and the oppressed nations is vital if we are ever to throw off the chains of capitalism and imperialism.

In the French State, Ligue de la Jeunesse Révolutionnaire (Revolutionary Youth League) carried out a solidarity action in which a Butcher's Apron was burned and young revolutionaries held a banner which said in English "Solidarity with Republicans facing state repression!"

Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Support Network posted a message of solidarity with AIA on their website. They stated that *"Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network denounces the raids and arrests of Irish anti-imperialist activists and stands in solidarity as they organize for the liberation and unification of Ireland and free it from colonial and imperialist control."* They also renewed calls for the release of Irish Republican political prisoners.

In Norway, comrades in the Kampkomiteen (Struggle Committee) published a solidarity message in which they



Solidarity action in the French state.

expressed *"our unreserved support and collaboration."*

solidarity with our Irish comrades, their families and friends. We condemn the attack on the revolutionary movement in Ireland!"

The Kampkomiteen in Oslo has also organised a solidarity rally for Wednesday 19 April at 6pm, which has yet to take place at the time this edition of the paper is being published.

In the Netherlands, Revolutionaire Eenheid (Revolutionary Unity) published a solidarity statement, saying that *"As Revolutionaire Eenheid, we stand in solidarity with the Anti Imperialist Action Ireland activists and we join the call to drop all charges against them and to make an end to the attacks and repression against Irish Republican activists across Ireland."*

From Turkey, AIA received solidarity messages from the Free Grup Yorum campaign and comrades in the Anti-Imperialist Front. The AIF stated that *"Whenever foreign dignitaries visit countries, their lackeys attack those who oppose to show their*

Solidarity was also expressed by A Nova Democracia, who covered the recent events here including raids, arrests, protests and our Easter Commemoration in the largest leftwing newspaper in Brazil.

A number of revolutionary outlets and organisations also covered the repression. Given the severe repression faced by revolutionaries in Ireland and elsewhere, alternative media is extremely important to break through imperialist censorship. We would therefore like to thank The Red Herald, DemVolkeDienen (Germany), Ang Bayan (The Philippines), Tjen Folket Media (Norway) and other media outlets who took the time to cover protests and state repression against AIA and other Republicans over the past few weeks.

AIA also thanks the members of other Irish Republican organisations as well as independent republicans who have been in touch to offer solidarity, as well as progressive groups such as the Ireland Anti-Internment Committee.

CALLING ALL REPUBLICANS:

Reject the Good Friday Treaty - Build the Broad Front

April 2023 marks the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Treaty, the most recent Treaty that British Imperialism used to copperfasten the occupation and partition in Ireland by co-opting a former section of the Republican Movement to become part of the colonial administration in our country.

25 years on the root causes of conflict in Ireland, namely the British Occupation, remains. Resistance to the ongoing occupation also continues, demonstrating that the Treaty that was meant to be the death knell of militant Republicanism has failed.

The past 25 years have been difficult ones for Republicanism as the movement fractured and then shattered in the wake of the GFA and the pacification process. While the Republican Resistance continued and continues, it has yet to reach the heights of the 1990s again and there has been deep-seated mistrust sown between Republicans since 1998, as no group wants to be betrayed by another reformist leadership.

However, on the 25th Anniversary of Britain's latest treaty in Ireland, there is more that unites than divides the Revolutionary Republican groups and Independents that remain active and this unity is the most potent weapon in the arsenal of the Republican Movement. 25 years on from the GFA the fact that all the Revolutionary Republican groups that remain active describe themselves as Socialist Republicans is a real strength and is waiting to be built on.

25 years on from the GFA the best way to continue to reject British imperialism in Ireland and to strengthen the Republican Resistance is the establishment of an Anti Imperialist Broad Front uniting all Revolutionaries behind a unified Republican Programme of demands, and a common outline of what the Republican Movement stands for in the third decade of the 21st century.

This is not unity for the sake of unity which the history of the Republican Movement shows does not work. This would not be the creation of a single group or leadership, but instead the agreement of existing groups to work together prioritising to work on the areas where we agree for a common Republican Programme to put forward the strongest possible position for the struggle for National Liberation.

Far be it for any one group to put forward the terms of this broad front, the common programme should be agreed by representatives of the groups in attendance. But the areas where unity of purpose could be considered include an ongoing rejection of the Good Friday Treaty and all compromise with Imperialism. The refusal to recognise Leinster House and Stormont and instead giving allegiance to the All Ireland People's Republic proclaimed in 1916. The upholding of the 1916 Proclamation and the 1919 Democratic Programme as the basic documents of the Republic and the Movement. The support for Republican POWs and the recognition of the right of the Irish People to resist imperialism. A component of key importance for the front would be that each group maintains its own autonomy, structure and leadership, but that all agree to cooperate on the common Republican programme put forward by the front.

Now is the time to put personal and personality differences behind. The time has come to leave egos at the door. A forum for the establishment of an Anti Imperialist Broad Front should now be established including a number of representatives from each Revolutionary Republican organisation and Representatives of independents. A steering committee for the forum should be established and each group should submit papers on how the front should operate. A founding conference could then be established, with spokespeople agreed and the common Republican programme presented to the wider Republican base to win support for a United Front of Republican Resistance.

Those who doubt the effectiveness of the Broad Front should remember that the 1916 Rising was organised by a Broad Front of Republican Organisations and that the majority of successful revolutions around the world have been led by such a United Broad Front.

Such a front would be the greatest rejection of the Good Friday Treaty in the 25 years since its inception. Such a front would be the death knell of Imperialism in Ireland and therefore it is the duty of all Revolutionary Republicans to ensure its establishment.

JOIN THE RESISTANCE JOIN ANTI IMPERIALIST ACTION!



AIA is a fighting Revolutionary Socialist Republican organisation formed in 2017 to rebuild the struggle against imperialism. Organised in all four Provinces, veteran and experienced Republicans are joining with new revolutionary youth to continue the struggle for National Liberation and Socialist Revolution until victory. You can play your part in this important work by becoming a member or active supporter of Anti Imperialist Action Ireland.

We are actively recruiting and are building a network of socialist Republicans across the country, Revolutionaries who owe their allegiance to the Working Class and the People's Republic Proclaimed in 1916 alone. All Republicans should get involved. If you agree with our principles and our work as outlined in this newspaper then you should join Anti Imperialist Action.

Help us rebuild the Revolutionary Movement by joining the Resistance!

Contact lsrmedia@protonmail.com for more information on membership or becoming an active supporter.

“THE FIGHT MUST GO ON!”

- James Connolly

NEITHER KING NOR KAISER BUT IRELAND! PUBLIC PROTEST

SATURDAY
MAY 6TH
AT 1PM
GPO,
DUBLIN

